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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Project: **IP-94**

OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: **31 March 1950**

To: **D/LA**

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: **Caribbean Legion**

Statement of Project:

Priority: **Internal (E-1448)**

Problem: **To provide current information on possible Communist influence in the Caribbean Legion.**

Action: **Information requested is specified in the attached memorandum.**

Background (if any): **None**

Form: **Memorandum (orig. & 2)**

Effort due in O/Tub: **15 April 1950**

Responsible Division: **D/LA**

Dissemination deadline:
(if any)

15 April 1950

Inter-agency Coordination: **NE/S if needed**

Departmental Responsibilities: **None**

Classification to be no higher than: **Secret**

Recommended Dissemination: **Requester only**

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1. Caribbean Legion
2. Communism - Caribbean

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Case K-1448:

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- 3) Estimated percentage of Communists of Caribbean Legion.
- 4) Location of encampments or suspected encampments of Caribbean Legion. Also location of members not in camps.
- 5) In the present opinion of ORE, based on facts since ORE Report of 17 March 1949, do the Communistic tendencies of an element of the Caribbean Legion constitute a danger to the United States policy and position in the Central American area?

Degree of need: required by 15 April 1950

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Project K-1448, Possible Communist Influence in the Caribbean Legion.

1. Attached under Tab A are answers to the five specific questions of subject project regarding the Caribbean Legion and its possible use by Communists.

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3. In summary, D/LA believes that Communist influence in the Caribbean Legion is minor and does not constitute a great danger to the US position in Central America at this time, nor is it likely to do so during the coming year. Communists or fellow-travelers among the lower ranks of Legion members do some work in the Legion, but the top leaders of the Legion are apparently not Communist-controlled, and it is these leaders who establish and implement the policies and plans of the Legion. It is misleading to label the plottings of minor revolutionaries as "Caribbean Legion" activities unless the leaders of the Legion (as listed under question one) cooperate in these plots. Confusion results if the activities of the genuine exiles of Nicaragua, Honduras and the Dominican Republic are considered international Communist activities in the Caribbean area.

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18 May 1950

Deputy Chief, BR/OCD

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Your request of 12 April 1950.

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DATE: 1 May 1950

FROM : Deputy Chief, BR/OCD

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3. Reports on the other two individuals are in the process of preparation and will be forwarded when completed.

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